# VIRGINIA'S FIRST RACES OF RECORD

Col. Chiswell's Edgecomb Won on Mile Course at Williamsburg in 1739.

FOUR MILERS IN 1752

Turf History Prior to 1766 in the Old Dominion Is Almost a Blank.

By GURNEY C. GUE.

Though it is almost certain that the first organized horse racing in America ok place on Hempstead Plains, L. I., half a century before legitimate turf sport supplanted the craze for quarter racing in Virginia, the Old Dominion still can boast of the earliest contest on record in which the names of the winning horse and his owner are known. 1739, and was thus reported in the Virginia Gazette, then the only newspaper published south of Philadelphia:

Wednesday the fair began in this city and held three days. There was a Horse Race round the Mile Course the won the Saddle. Mr. Cocke's Horse nged Cat came in second and won the Bridle of 12 Shillings value, and Mr. Drummond's Horse came in Third and won the Whip."

of the horses mentioned nothing whatever is known, but the owner of the winner of this first race of record was one of the prominent men of his day. Col. John Chiswell was born in Hanover county and was the son of Col. Charles Chiswell, who died there in 1737. The turfman became a pioneer in developing the iron, lead and zinc mines of Virginia. As early as 1752 he established a furnace for the manufacture of iron five miles south of Fred-side and south of Fred-side and souther family famed in Virginia. ure of iron five miles south of Fred-

and after being sheriff and turgess was hanged in 1678 for supporting Natinal Bacon of Curies, the original American rebei. His wife, the mother of Williams and Special Speci

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came in thus: Col. Tasker's bay mare Selima... Col. Byrd's chestnut horse Tryall. Col. Byrd's chestnut horse Tryall.... Col. Thornton's gray mare...... Col. Taylores bay mare Jenny Cam-

liy home on the north bank of the James River, about five miles below the seat of the Randolphs at Turkey Island and adjoining that of the Harrisons, was pronounced by the Marquis de Chastellux, a French officer in the Revolutionary War, to be the most beautiful place in America. The first William Byrd, born in London in 1649, bought the property from the elder Theodorick Bland in 1673, when his friend and neighbor. Nathaniel Bacon, lived at Curles. The second William built the mansion at Westoyer and collected there the largest private library in the country, as well as a and consected deter he latter as a moteworthy gallery of portraits, including examples by Van Dyke, Sir Peter Lely and other masters. He is called the founder of Richmond.

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Early Rival of Washington.

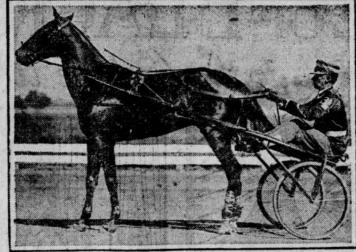
ericksburg, and in 1757, about which time Fort Chiswell was erected and named for him, he discovered and developed the first lead and zinc mines.

Turfman's Tragic Death.

The tragic end of this wealthy and notable Virginian is one of the sad stories of Colonial days. He had married the beautifut Elizabeth Randolph, daughter of William of Turkey Island; this same who acted as starter in the this same who acted as starter in the It is a commonly accepted belief that ne another family famed in Vir

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# Arion Guy the Fastest



ARION GUY. 1:59% - T W. MURPHY DRIVING

OF FIELD MARSHAL

He Was Best Harness Horse

in Our National Show.

## Champion 4-Year-Old May Be RESENT THE DEFEAT Champion Stallion Before Next Season Ends.

horse ever bred in the State of New Ruppert at his Hudson River stock farm near Poughkeepsie, but was foaled in Kentucky, his dam having been sold besome little time young Byrd, an entire fore he was born. Having been sold bestranger, took it and won." fore he was born. Having been sold to be
instead of the beauty lessons as a two-year-old, dryving him to a record of In 1758 the turfman raised a regiment, of which he was Colonel, for the French and Indian war, and it has been send that some thought his military will be the some thought his military in the Colonia Colonia of New York W. Murphy of Poughkeepsie, who bought him for Charles C. Lloyd of New York. He was late in starting in his first race as a three-year-old, but when he did make his debut he proved to be the best make his debut he proved to be the best of his age in training by winning the Kentucky Futurity and never losing a heat in which Murphy was able to drive him. He closed the campaign with degree of the campaign with degree of the campaign with degree of the closed the closed the campaign with degree of the closed the closed the campaign with degree of the closed the cl

resented by Heathfield Squire, and go in frecord of 204%, which did not represent his limit of speed by any means.

Before the campaign of 1921 opened the cott was sold by Mr. Lloyd for \$25-000 to Harry K. Devereux of Cleveland, who is president of the Grand Circuit, and who bought the promising trotter for his wife. Befleving him capable of beating the beattime too record for four year-olds and of eventually lowering the record for trotting stallons of any age, Mr. Devereux did not start him in race, and my and every animal in the above list him in the 2:00 list at Lexington in October, Though plans for 1922 have not been disclosed it is expected that Arlon Guy will be trained again this year with a view to beating the stallion record of 1:58%, now held by Lee Axworthy. Ullan, 1:58, and Peter Manning, 1:57%, are the only trotters of any age or sex that have beaten this mark, but those will be enabled for the stallion records and classified specials. The condition will be judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the picture of G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the judged by Vinton P. Breese, by G. Muss Arnoit and Theodore Offering the

erfurd, Has Been in Sport Since 1885.

of four-year-olds, is the fastest trotting British Admirers Still Insist a survey of the condition at the Garden

Field Marshal's defeat at the National Horse Show has called forth a \$30,000. There is no show where viccolumn of criticism from Geoffrey D. S.

Bennett in the London Live Stock Journal since the return of the British exhibitors and judges to England. The gist of it seems to be the belief that America, after having taught England to get away from the coarse, vulgar that although this show has run for forty-six years and has always been liberal in its treatment of the exhibitors, making large awards of prize most useful and in money, it receives no higher champion-ship tating than a little show in a small to get away from the coarse, vulgar tank town siving representations.

Morton Z. Paul. Mrs. Mabel J. Riddell,
Mrs. Harry L. Sears, Mr. Sheidon, Mrs.
William Sheppard, Mr. Irving T. Smith,
Mr. Fred Sterry, Miss Marie A. Stovell,
Mrs. Anna A. Tukey, Mrs. Charles G.
Weet Jr., and Mrs. Howard Wooley,
The show will be open from S A. M.
until 10 P. M., and the judging, under
Mrs. Michael M. Van Beuren, will start
promptly at 11 o'clock. The award for
best in show will be made after the dinner recess in the evening.

## Mrs. Fiske to Judge.

Mrs. Haley Fiske of Bernardsville, v. J., has been selected to judge the annual specialty show of the American Spaniel Club at the Waldorf-Astoria on January 20. Although the entries do not close until January 5, Wilbur H. Purcell of No. 23 Broadway, manager of the show, reports a grailfying number of entries have resulted from the announcement of Mrs. Flake's selection. Liberal money prizes have been offered in the various classes and there cials to be won outright.

I hope the New Year may being

# WESTMINSTER SHOW Breeder of Draft Horses Trotter Bred in New York JUDGES ARE NAMED Praises the Thoroughbred

One of Them, Winthrop Ruth- George Lane, Owner of Extensive Ranch in Canada, Savs Blue Blood Is Necessary for Civilian as Well as Military Purposes.

By FRANK F. DOLE.

George Lane of Calgary, Canada, one a very fine looking horse and do a lot of of the largest breeders of draft horses along the largest breeders of draft horses and do a lot of the largest breeders of draft horses and do a lot of the largest breeders of draft horses and do a lot of the largest breeders of draft horses and do a lot of good serviceable slow work but cannot of the largest in the world, says the largest breeder of civilian as is set for the entries to come in for the largest breeders of draft horses and do a lot of good serviceable slow work but cannot of the largest breeders of calgary.

The judging list for the forty-sixth annual show of the Westminster Remol of the largest in the world, says the thoroughbred is needed for civilian as the largest in the world, says the thoroughbred is needed for civilian as well as military purposes. Ea is especially interested in the Percheron and find Madison Square Garden on February 13, 14 and 15. The club has taken offices at room 1202, 50 East Forty-second street, for the superintendent, George W. Gall, with whom entries close on January 23.

Looking over the list of officials for this show, I note only one who was in the game when I showed my first dog at the Westminster show in 1885. He is Winthrop Rutherfurd who will judge the Irish and Welsh terriers. The judging list, taken all in all, is very good. It includes some of the best amateur judges in this country and two of our leading professionals, Vinton F. Breese of Caldwell. N. J., and G. Muss Arnolt of Tude ahoe, N. Y.

This is the first year the club has cocupled the offices at 50 East Forty-second street. The show is another of three days duration, instead of the four day show of former years.

The show will be benched on the floor covering the swimming pool of last summer. This means the benching must be on a slight incline. The Spratt people, who will handle the benching, have made a survey of the condition at the Garden and have assured the show management that benching can be placed to easily handle 2,000 dogs.

Cost of Show \$30,000.

A liberal prize list is effered, and it is estimated that the expense up to the time the show opens will be close to \$30,000. There is no show where victory means as much in the estimation of devotees of the sport. It seems strange that although this show has a strange that although this show has a strange that although this show has a strange that although this show has an annuel for almost forty years has convinced me that the thoroughbred is needed for civilian or military purposes.

"I am a Percheron breeder. I believ ordinary farmer, but this does not pre-vent me from recognizing that the thoroughbred is needed. I have owned vent me from recognizing that the thoroughbred is needed. I have owned and used thoroughbred stallions at various times during the last thirty years and since 1912 I have kept thor-oughbred sires constantly on the Bar U

"In England, when I was there, I me sure that this was the way to raise th sure that this was the way to raise the best cavalry horses, but I said 'No.' I had tried this a good many times and found the change too quick. They lacked the action and the good quality. But I am well satisfied that some of the breeders are trying this in England now. My experience is: Keep the heavy draft horse to himself. For our cow horses, give us three-quarter thoroughbred and give us three-quarter thoroughbred and and most suitable horse for cow work that you will get the most intelligent and most suitable horse for cow work that you can get and an extremely good roadster, and as a rule they do not get too heavy and do give a lot of good service.

"I personally feel that it would be a vital mistake to do away with the thor-oughbred horse for the generation of cognored norse for the generation of people coming on, for I know personally the good that the thoroughbred has left behind him, and at present I am fixing up to breed a few more. I have great pleasure in going to my ranch and looking at the thoroughbred horses that I shipped from old Mexico to the Bar U shout twelve years are and whenever about twelve years ago, and whenever I see any of my men riding a pretty good saddle horse I say: "There, that's another one of the Spooners from the horse I brought from Mexico."

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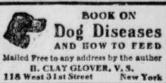
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